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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Robert E. Smith for
being named Tennessee's Principal of the Year
for 2000.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as educational leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Robert E. Smith, who has been recognized by the Tennessee Department of Education and the Principals' Study Council as the 2000 Principal of the Year for the High School Division; and

WHEREAS, it was while in attendance at the joint conference of the Principals' and Supervisors' Study Council, held in Nashville, that Robert Smith accepted this distinguished award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has worked diligently for twenty-nine years to positively impact the students placed in his care; and

WHEREAS, he is the first Hamilton County educator to receive this prestigious honor;
and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as Principal of Soddy-Daisy High School, in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, Robert Smith plans to begin an afternoon program which will support students in need of assistance with certain subjects; he calls this project, The Sunset Program; and

WHEREAS, he initiated the "House" program in his school to assist students through daily interaction with their teachers, as well as with their peers; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith has a great understanding of what it is to be a leader and an educator, as he has said, "It takes a lot of extra effort sometimes and feeling and caring and all those things that go into making people believe that you're leading them in the right direction."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, as a Soddy-Daisy High School student so aptly put it, "With Mr. Smith as our principal, high school will continue to be where it begins, not where it ends."; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Smith is to be commended for his dedication in helping Tennessee's youth to mature and to better understand the world and themselves; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Robert Smith for his dedication to the students of Soddy-Daisy High School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Soddy-Daisy High School Principal, Mr. Robert E. Smith, for his meritorious service to this state as an award winning educator and mentor to this state's children, recognizing him on being named Tennessee's "2000 Principal of the Year", as we extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.